

## **Program C: Scholarships/Grants**

Program Authorization: Paul Douglas Scholarships- P.L. 98-558, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership– P.L. 99-498; LA R.S. 17:3031, T.H. Harris Scholarships – Act 135 of 1978; Act 710 of 1985; LA R.S. 17:3036, Rockefeller Scholarships – Act 707 of 1989 and LASFAC’s agreement with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; LAR.S. 56:797d, Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Program – Act 547 of 1995; LA R.S. 17:3046, Tuition Payment Program for Medical School Students – Act 281 of 1997.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The mission of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to administer state and federal scholarships, grant and tuition savings programs to maximize the opportunities for Louisiana students to pursue their postsecondary educational goals.

The goal of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to effectively and efficiently administer assigned programs in compliance with statutory authority and regulation.

The Scholarship/Grants Program includes the following activities:

1. Paul Douglas Scholarships - Federal funding for scholarship awards was rescinded for the 1995-96 fiscal year and has not been funded for subsequent years. However, under current federal guidance, the agency must assure that former recipients complete their obligation by teaching or repayment.
2. Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) - Provides need-based grants to academically qualified students. Each college and university establishes the annual award amount within the limits established by this agency. This federal program requires a state match and mandates that the non-federal share of the total amount of these grants shall come through direct state appropriations. The reauthorized Higher Education Act replaces the SSIG with the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program, which is essentially a continuation of the SSIG.
3. T.H. Harris Scholarship Program - Provides awards to undergraduate students attending state supported colleges and universities. Qualifications include a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) from a Louisiana high school. This program was amended to include undergraduates at the LSU Medical Center and the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. The program is in the process of being phased out. No new awards have been made since academic year 1995-96. Renewal recipients will continue to be funded as long as they meet the continuation academic criteria.
4. Rockefeller Scholarship Program - Annually provides 60 scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to Louisiana residents engaged in the study of wildlife, forestry, or marine science at Louisiana colleges and universities. Repayment of funds received is required if a student fails to successfully complete the prescribed course of study.
5. Louisiana Tuition Assistance Plan (TAP) - Provides tuition awards for academically qualified Louisiana residents attending Louisiana public colleges and universities. Act 1375 of 1997 terminates TAP effective academic year 1998-99 and replaces it with a component of the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).
6. Louisiana Honors Scholarship Program - Provides tuition awards to Louisiana's high school graduates who rank in the top 5% of their graduating class and who attend a Louisiana public or approved private college or university, or state technical institute. Act 1375 of 1997 terminates this program effective academic year 1998-99, and replaces it with a component of TOPS.
7. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) - A college savings plan which awards a state grant as an incentive for families to save for the projected future costs of their children's postsecondary education.

| GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: SCHOLARSHIP/GRANTS PROGRAM |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PERFORMANCE INDICATOR                                       | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1996-97 | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1997-98 | PRIOR YEAR<br>ACTUAL<br>FY 1998-99 |
| <b>Number of recipients</b>                                 |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| SSIG/LEAP   | 2,611                              | 2,800                              | 2,357                              |
| T.H. Harris   | 1,311                              | 736                                | 448                                |
| Rockefeller   | 58                                 | 56                                 | 58                                 |
| Tuition Assistance Plan                                     | 2,728                              | 2,996                              | 0 <sup>1</sup>                     |
| Louisiana Honors  | 3,978                              | 4,827                              | 0 <sup>2</sup>                     |
| Medical School Tuition                                      | 0                                  | 0                                  | 2                                  |
| <b>Average amount awarded</b>                               |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| SSIG/LEAP <sup>1</sup>                                      | \$567                              | \$625                              | \$589                              |
| T.H. Harris   | \$400                              | \$400                              | \$400                              |
| Rockefeller   | \$1,000                            | \$1,000                            | \$1,000                            |
| Tuition Assistance Plan                                     | \$2,087                            | \$2,135                            | \$0 <sup>2</sup>                   |
| Louisiana Honors  | \$2,270                            | \$2,299                            | \$0 <sup>3</sup>                   |
| Medical School Tuition                                      | \$0                                | \$0                                | \$13,025                           |
| <b>Total amount awarded</b>                                 |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| SSIG/LEAP   | \$1,480,437                        | \$1,750,816                        | \$1,388,342                        |
| T.H. Harris   | \$501,215                          | \$305,175                          | \$161,000                          |
| Rockefeller   | \$57,500                           | \$52,500                           | \$57,500                           |
| Tuition Assistance Plan                                     | \$5,685,666                        | \$6,395,328                        | \$0 <sup>2</sup>                   |
| Louisiana Honors  | \$9,011,957                        | \$11,096,147                       | \$0 <sup>3</sup>                   |
| Medical School Tuition                                      | \$0                                | \$0                                | \$26,050                           |

<sup>1</sup> The State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) was replaced by the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) program as part of the reauthorized Higher Education Act. The LEAP program is a continuation of SSIG.

<sup>2</sup> Replaced with TOPS opportunity.

<sup>3</sup> Replaced with TOPS Performance.

## OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2000-2001. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

The Scholarship/Grants program administers state and federal scholarships, grants, and the tuition savings program to maximize the opportunities for Louisiana students to pursue their postsecondary educational goals.

**The objectives and performance indicators that appear below are associated with program funding in the Base Executive Budget for FY 2000-01. Specific information on program funding is presented in the financial sections that follow performance tables.**

1. (KEY) To process and award 96% of qualified initial and continuing scholarship and grant applications within 60 days from the final deadline.

Strategic Link: *This objective ties to OSFA Strategic Plan Objective I.1 in the Scholarship and Grant Program.*

| LEVEL | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME  | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES                       |  |   |   |  |   |
|-------|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|       |   | YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1998-1999 | ACTUAL<br>YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>FY 1998-1999 | ACT 10<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1999-2000 | EXISTING<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1999-2000 | AT<br>CONTINUATION<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2000-2001 | AT<br>RECOMMENDED<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2000-2001 |
| K     | Percent of scholarships and grants awarded within 60 days of final deadline | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                        | Not available <sup>2</sup>                       | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                       | 96%   | 96%  | 96%   |
| S     | Number grants and scholarships awarded within 60 days of final deadline     | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                        | Not available <sup>2</sup>                       | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                       | 30,201  | 49,369   | 49,369  |
| S     | Number of qualified applications received by the final deadline             | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                        | Not available <sup>2</sup>                       | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                       | 31,459  | 51,426   | 51,426  |

<sup>1</sup> New indicators added for 2000-2001, therefore the indicator has no yearend performance standard for FY 1998-1999 or an Act 10 performance standard for FY 1999-2000.

<sup>2</sup> New indicators added for 2000-2001. Prior year data is not available at this time.

2. (KEY) To increase START participation by 28.6%.

| LEVEL | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME                                     | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES                       |  |   |   |  |   |
|-------|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|       |  | YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1998-1999 | ACTUAL<br>YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>FY 1998-1999 | ACT 10<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1999-2000 | EXISTING<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1999-2000 | AT<br>CONTINUATION<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2000-2001 | AT<br>RECOMMENDED<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2000-2001 |
| K     | Percentage increase in START participation                     | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                        | 36.2%  | Not applicable <sup>1</sup>                       | 55.6%   | 28.6%  | 28.6%   |
| S     | Number of contributors   | 5,077  | 2,387  | 7,898   | 7,898   | 10,155   | 10,155  |
| S     | Principal deposits   | \$2,898,990  | \$1,149,346                                      | \$4,509,541                                       | \$4,509,541   | \$5,797,981  | \$5,797,981                                       |
| S     | Tuition Assistance Grants (TAGS) (estimates) for START Program | \$238,896  | \$238,896  | \$371,616   | \$371,616   | \$371,616  | \$371,616   |

<sup>1</sup> New indicator added for 2000-2001, therefore the indicator has no year-end performance standard or Act 10 performance standard for FY 1999-2000.

3. (KEY) To identify qualified candidates and provide 100% of available funding to students pursuing scholarship, grant, and tuition savings programs administered by OSFA.

Strategic Link: *This objective ties to OSFA Strategic Plan Objective I.2 in the Scholarship and Grant Program.*

Explanatory Note: The indicators presented below do not include figures for the TOPS program. The TOPS Program has been broken out as a separate program.

| LEVEL | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME  | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES                       |  |   |   |  |   |
|-------|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|       |   | YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1998-1999 | ACTUAL<br>YEAREND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>FY 1998-1999 | ACT 10<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1999-2000 | EXISTING<br>PERFORMANCE<br>STANDARD<br>FY 1999-2000 | AT<br>CONTINUATION<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2000-2001 | AT<br>RECOMMENDED<br>BUDGET LEVEL<br>FY 2000-2001 |
| K     | Total amount awarded -scholarships and grants <sup>1</sup>        | Not applicable <sup>2</sup>                        | \$1,632,892                                      | Not applicable <sup>2</sup>                       | \$2,239,374   | \$2,239,374  | \$2,239,374                                       |
| K     | Total number of recipients - scholarships and grants <sup>1</sup> | Not applicable <sup>2</sup>                        | 2,867  | Not applicable <sup>2</sup>                       | 3,814   | 3,814  | 3,814   |

<sup>1</sup> The indicators were been broken out for FY 2000-2001. The "total amount awarded" and "total number of recipients" will now be reported for both the Scholarships and Grants Program, and the TOPS Program. Indicators for TOPS will now appear in a separate program known as "TOPS Program."

<sup>2</sup> New indicators added for FY 1999-2000, therefore the indicator has no year-end performance standard for FY 1998-1999 or an Act 10 performance standard for FY 1999-2000.

## RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

|   | ACTUAL<br>1998-1999 | ACT 10<br>1999- 2000 | EXISTING<br>1999- 2000 | CONTINUATION<br>2000 - 2001 | RECOMMENDED<br>2000 - 2001 | RECOMMENDED<br>OVER/(UNDER)<br>EXISTING |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| MEANS OF FINANCING:                             |                     |                      |                        |                             |                            |   |
| STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)                     | \$1,516,380         | \$2,726,366          | \$2,726,366            | \$2,754,589                 | \$2,657,177                | (\$69,189)                              |
| STATE GENERAL FUND BY:                          |                     |                      |                        |                             |                            |   |
| Interagency Transfers                           | 0                   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                       |
| Fees & Self-gen. Revenues                       | 0                   | 100,000              | 100,000                | 0                           | 0                          | (100,000)                               |
| Statutory Dedications                           | 57,500              | 60,000               | 60,000                 | 60,000                      | 60,000                     | 0                                       |
| Interim Emergency Board                         | 0                   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                       |
| FEDERAL FUNDS                                   | 409,091             | 979,517              | 979,517                | 979,517                     | 979,517                    | 0                                       |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING                        | <b>\$1,982,971</b>  | <b>\$3,865,883</b>   | <b>\$3,865,883</b>     | <b>\$3,794,106</b>          | <b>\$3,696,694</b>         | <b>(\$169,189)</b>                      |
| EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:                         |                     |                      |                        |                             |                            |   |
| Salaries  | \$331,906           | \$519,277            | \$614,447              | \$633,479                   | \$541,961                  | (\$72,486)                              |
| Other Compensation                              | 7,564               | 95,620               | 450                    | 450                         | 450                        | 0                                       |
| Related Benefits                                | 55,427              | 118,893              | 118,893                | 121,509                     | 126,303                    | 7,410                                   |
| Total Operating Expenses                        | 279,976             | 184,479              | 231,759                | 236,388                     | 227,965                    | (3,794)                                 |
| Professional Services                           | 31,815              | 113,256              | 113,256                | 115,521                     | 113,256                    | 0                                       |
| Total Other Charges                             | 1,201,809           | 2,734,358            | 2,687,078              | 2,686,759                   | 2,686,759                  | (319)                                   |
| Total Acq. & Major Repairs                      | 74,474              | 100,000              | 100,000                | 0                           | 0                          | (100,000)                               |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST                  | <b>\$1,982,971</b>  | <b>\$3,865,883</b>   | <b>\$3,865,883</b>     | <b>\$3,794,106</b>          | <b>\$3,696,694</b>         | <b>(\$169,189)</b>                      |
| AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME<br>EQUIVALENTS: Classified | 19                  | 19                   | 19                     | 19                          | 19                         | 0                                       |
| Unclassified                                    | 0                   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                       |
| TOTAL   | 19                  | 19                   | 19                     | 19                          | 19                         | 0                                       |

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from award fees used to defray the costs related to processing scholarships and grants (FY 1996-1997 only). The first Statutory Dedication is the sixty (60) \$1,000 scholarships from the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund for students studying wildlife, forestry and marine sciences. The second Statutory Dedication is the Teacher Preparation Loan Fund, pursuant to Act 476 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. (Per R.S. 39:32B. (8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund.) Federal funds include the following: (1) the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) for needy, academically qualified students; and (2) the Paul Douglas scholarships to encourage individuals to pursue teaching careers.

|  | ACTUAL<br>1998-1999 | ACT 10<br>1999- 2000 | EXISTING<br>1999- 2000 | CONTINUATION<br>2000 - 2001 | RECOMMENDED<br>2000 - 2001 | RECOMMENDED<br>OVER/(UNDER)<br>EXISTING |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Louisiana Employment Opportunity Loan Fund |                     |                      |                        |                             |                            |   |
| Louisiana Opportunity Loan Fund            |                     |                      |                        |                             |                            |   |
| Rockefeller Trust Fund                     | \$57,500            | \$60,000             | \$60,000               | \$60,000                    | \$60,000                   | \$0                                     |
| TOPS Teacher Preparation Fund              |                     |                      |                        |                             |                            |   |
| TOPS Tobacco Fund                          |                     |                      |                        |                             |                            |   |

## ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

| GENERAL<br>FUND | TOTAL       | T.O. | DESCRIPTION   |
|-----------------|-------------|------|---|
| \$2,726,366     | \$3,865,883 | 19   | ACT 10 FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000  |
|                 |             |      | BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:  |
| \$0             | \$0         | 0    | None  |
| \$2,726,366     | \$3,865,883 | 19   | EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 3, 1999                            |
| \$11,324        | \$11,324    | 0    | Annualization of FY 1999-2000 Classified State Employees Merit Increase |
| \$11,324        | \$11,324    | 0    | Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2000-2001             |
| \$0             | (\$100,000) | 0    | Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs                              |
| (\$319)         | (\$319)     | 0    | Rent in State-Owned Buildings   |
| \$9,747         | \$9,747     | 0    | Salary Base Adjustment  |
| (\$101,265)     | (\$101,265) | 0    | Attrition Adjustment  |
| \$2,657,177     | \$3,696,694 | 19   | TOTAL RECOMMENDED   |
| \$0             | \$0         | 0    | LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS                           |
| \$2,657,177     | \$3,696,694 | 19   | BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001                             |
|                 |             |      | SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL:          |
| \$0             | \$0         | 0    | None  |
| \$0             | \$0         | 0    | TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL     |

|                    |                    |           |  |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|
|                    |                    |           | SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:             |
| \$0                | \$0                | 0         | None   |
| <b>\$0</b>         | <b>\$0</b>         | <b>0</b>  | <b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE</b> |
| <b>\$2,657,177</b> | <b>\$3,696,694</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>                                       |

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 97.5% of the existing operating budget. It represents 91.6% of the total request (\$2,900,740) for this program. This decrease is a result of attrition and Executive Budget cuts.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$113,256        | Advertising for START program      |
| <b>\$113,256</b> | <b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b> |

## OTHER CHARGES

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| \$60,000           | Medical School Tuition Payment Program                 |
| \$2,049,374        | LEAP (formerly SSIG)                                   |
| \$20,000           | T H Harris Scholarship Program                         |
| \$50,000           | Paul Douglas Scholarship Program (Federal)             |
| \$60,000           | Rockefeller Scholarship Program (Statutory Dedication) |
| \$371,616          | START Tuition Assistance Grants (TAGS)                 |
| \$20,570           | Software Support                                       |
| \$8,157            | Legislative Auditor (audit costs)                      |
| <b>\$2,639,717</b> | <b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>                         |
|                    | <b>Interagency Transfers:</b>                          |
| \$27,955           | Rent in State Owned Buildings                          |
| \$19,087           | LETA Services  |
| <b>\$47,042</b>    | <b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>                 |
| <b>\$2,686,759</b> | <b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>                             |

## ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| \$0        | This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs in FY 00-01 |
| <b>\$0</b> | <b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>                                       |



